

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 54

By Watson

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the American Physical Therapy Association on the occasion of its 100th anniversary.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to specially commend those organizations that contribute to the improved health and wellness of the citizens of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, one such exemplary organization is the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA), which this year is celebrating its 100th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the American Physical Therapy Association is to further the role of physical therapists in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of movement dysfunctions and the enhancement of the physical health and functional abilities of patients in their care; and

WHEREAS, physical therapists are universally recognized and promoted as practitioners of choice for persons with conditions that affect movement, function, health, and wellness; and

WHEREAS, the modern profession of physical therapy was developed in the 20th century in the wake of World War I, and in 1921, what would become the APTA was originally established in New York City as the American Women's Physical Therapeutic Association; the current name was officially adopted in 1947; and

WHEREAS, the services offered to members of the APTA grew quickly, with the addition of a professional journal, annual conferences, and strong advocacy of standards for accreditation and education for physical therapists across the nation; and

WHEREAS, over the past 100 years, the APTA has seen the adoption of a code of ethics, the development of continuing education training and standardized competency exams

for state licensing, the establishment of graduate and doctorate programs and clinical residencies, and finally, the licensing of physical therapists in all fifty states; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pleasure in recognizing this exemplary organization on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate the American Physical Therapy Association on the occasion of its 100th anniversary and applaud its members on their contributions to their profession and the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.